

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0282-02  
Bill No.: HB 656  
Subject: Lieutenant Governor; Nursing & Boarding Homes; Social Services Department  
Type: Original  
Date: February 26, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Social Services–Division of Aging (DOA)** assume the proposal would result in the transfer of the appropriation of the Office of the State Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Facility Resident, expected at \$221,435 for FY 2002, including 4.0 FTE and associated personal service and expense & equipment, to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. DOA assumes the responsibilities would be transferred August, 2001, while appropriations would follow July, 2002.

Officials with the **Office of the Lieutenant Governor (MLG)** assume the proposal would move the Ombudsman's Office in its entirety, from the DOA to the MLG, and that all federal and general revenue dollars would follow. MLG assumes 800 sq. ft. office space will be required at an annual cost of \$12,800.

**Oversight** assumes that the rent expenditure would not be required, as officials with DOA indicated there was no reason why the Office's employees could not remain in current space.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### DESCRIPTION

This bill moves the responsibility for the state ombudsman for long-term care facility residents from the Division of Aging to the office of the Lieutenant Governor and transfers the funding for staffing. The Lieutenant Governor may establish additional ombudsman programs for elder care if necessary funding is obtained, and the bill requires the Lieutenant Governor to actively seek this funding from state and federal sources. The bill adds new language that requires the

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ombudsman, employees of, or volunteers in that office to report suspected abuse or neglect to the elder abuse hotline and the local law enforcement agency and to notify their supervisor that a report was made. Reports made in good faith must not result in retaliation through adverse personnel actions against the person who reports.

This legislation is not federally mandated and would not duplicate any other program.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
Department of Social Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Director

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